

REMARKS

Claims 25-47 are pending.

A. New Claims:

New claims 25-47 are added. No new matter has been introduced into this application by reason of the new claims presented herewith. The new claims are supported by the following references to the specification and original claims:

Claim 25: page 6, first paragraph; original claims 1 and 2;

Claim 26: original claim 9;

Claim 27: original claim 3;

Claim 28: original claim 4;

Claim 29: original claim 5;

Claim 30: original claim 6;

Claim 31: original claim 7;

Claim 32: Table 1 on page 21;

Claim 33: page 18, second full paragraph;

Claim 34: original claim 10;

Claim 35: original claim 11;

Claim 36: original claim 12;

Claim 37: page 13, eighth full paragraph;

Claim 38: page 18, second full paragraph;

Claim 39: original claim 14;

Claim 40: original claim 15;

Claim 41: original claim 16;

Claim 42: original claim 18;

Claim 43: original claim 19;

Claim 44: page 6, first paragraph; original claims 9 and 21;

Claim 45: page 6, first paragraph; original claim 1, page 18, second full paragraph;

Claim 46: original claim 9; and

Claim 47: page 18, second full paragraph.

Applicants submit that the present application is now ready for examination on the merits. If, for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4229.

Respectfully submitted,

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